(d) the steps taken to stop misuse of websites in the country; and

(e) the remedies which are available to stop this practice in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The primary responsibility for registration and investigation of crimes at cyber cafe's lies with the State Governments. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), which maintains the national crime data, the State/UT-wise cases of obscene publication/transmission in electronic form reported under Section 67 of Information Technology Act during 2003, 2004 and 2005 are 21, 34 and 88 respectively. However NCRB does not maintain specific information regarding misuse of Internet services by cyber cafe's by putting obscene pictures and details on websites.

(d) The Information Technology Act, 2000 together with the Indian Penal Code, 1860 provides legal framework for countering misuse of websites in the country.

(e) Every country addresses the matter within their legal framework.

Corruption in BSNL

†295. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to negligence and corruption prevalent in public sector telecommunication company particularly the BSNL, the number of its basic phone consumers has declined;

(b) whether it is also a fact that private comanies are directly benefited from such situation;

(c) if not, the comparative details of public sector and private sector companies for the last two years, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct an inquiry by a high powered agency into corruption prevailing in BSNL particularly in Bihar circle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. Number of basic phone consumers in public sector telecommunication

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

company particularly the BSNL has declined due to popularity of mobile services, surrender of second telephone and tough competition in the market. It is neither due to negligence nor due to corruption.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Comparative details of telephone subscribers of BSNL and the private operators for the last two years are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Statement

*Number of Telephones**

		As on 31.03.2005		As on 31.03.2006	
		PSU	Private Operators	PSU	Private Operators
Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Land Line	Land Line	Land line	Land line
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	A&N	37960	0	38322	0
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3177508	118450	3032240	123507
3.	Assam	511290	0	519806	0
4.	Bihar	950957	35	1036353	286
5.	Chhattisgarh	287257	0	287676	0
6.	Gujarat	2654207	44483	2544226	69840
7.	Haryana	1091297	114580	1098074	377
8.	H.P.	480610	0	478745	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	300154	0	302520	0
10.	Jharkhand	455377	0	470241	0
11.	Karnataka	2700754	156155	2634402	60997
12.	Kerala	3424897	2461	3568697	7313
13.	Madhya Pradesh	1315927	234084	1318110	5797
14.	Maharashtra	3921039	40106	3933947	58366
15.	North East	359003	0	361260	0
16.	Orissa	767953	115	786797	549
17.	Punjab	1944413	144055	1812682	185880

1	2	3	4	5	6
18.	Rajasthan	1774429	130890	1745491	143113
19.	Tamil Nadu	2879569	188022	2757317	9133
20.	Uttaranchal	365287	0	366325	0
21.	Uttar Pradesh	2881533	2501	2718950	16190
22.	West Bengal	1235317	45	1243856	59
23.	Kolkata	1357265	6900	1357594	21307
24.	Chennai	985479	4354	1009258	19134
	TOTAL:	35859482	1187236	35422889	721849

* The information is only in respect of landlines. Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and GSM Mobile connections have not been included.

Standard limit of radio-waves for mobiles

296. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set certain standard permissible limit of radio-waves for the mobiles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not setting limits for emission of radio-wave for mobile phones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) of World Health Organisation (WHO) has recommended a standard limit for safety of health from wireless/electronmagnetic radiations.

A committee was set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, under the Chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, for preliminary study on health hazards due to mobile towers.

The Committee had extensive discussions and has opined that, overall, there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of RF exposures from mobile base stations.